

THE SIEGE OF WASHINGTON, N. C.—It was announced yesterday that the Confederates had raised the siege of Washington, N. C. A letter to a New York journal, dated Newbern, 18th instant, says:

"Yesterday morning the gunboat Whitehead, Captain French commanding, arrived at this place with dispatches from Washington, stating the enemy had raised the siege at that place and were in full retreat. Even the guns on the 'water batteries' had been removed, and free communication was had with our forces at the above place. To us there seems to be considerable mystery in this new freak of the enemy, and it calls forth many speculations, the most important of which is that the siege at Washington has been a mere feint, while the real intent was to procure supplies from the counties adjoining, as in Hyde county particularly, large quantities of supplies have been reported, having but on one or two occasions been visited by either army. This is the construction placed upon the recent movements of the Confederate forces by secession sympathizers in this place. Others are inclined to think they have been defeated at some point, or that some movement of Hooker's army has caused this sudden change of programme. This, however is all speculation, and the real truth yet remains to be developed.

The Queen of Spain has ordered one of the crown jewelers to make her a magnificent diadem. The diamonds and other precious stones to the value of eight millions of reals (210,000f.) will be furnished by the Crown Jewel Office. The rest of the parure, necklace, bracelets, &c., will represent twelve million reals (315,000f.)

A curious loss of a gold watch occurred in the crowd of passengers getting in and out of the cars at Holyoke, Massachusetts, on Saturday. After the cars had started, a passenger found the watch hanging to a button on his coat, the button having caught the chain and drawn out the watch from the owner's pocket.

The Princes of Hesse (Princes Alice of England) was safely delivered of a daughter on the 6th instant at Windsor Castle. It was reported that the chosen King of Greece, Prince William of Denmark, is destined to be the husband of Princess Louise of England. It is officially announced that the Princess of Wales will hold drawing-rooms and levees on behalf of the Queen during May and June.

Steel shirt-collars are beginning to come into general use in New York. Seen, even at a short distance, they look like highly polished linen, differing from that article in their greater luster and cleanliness. The same material is worked into wristbands, and some of the New York ladies are fettering themselves in these novelties.

W. E. Wording, government agent for the disposal of land upon St. Helena Islands, S. C., states that not above a township has yet been sold, while timber lands, ferries, and the town of Beaufort, are reserved for religious and educational purposes. Sales have been made to civilians and military personages, and sometimes to combinations of negroes. Gen. Hunter has conscripted all of the latter class under forty-five who are not in the quartermaster's department. Many negroes over that age are hiding in the woods for fear that they will be taken under that figure. Hence little work is done on plantations, except by women, who are dissatisfied at the absence of their husbands.

The British prize steamer Gertrude, which was captured on the 16th instant, off Harbor Island, by the Vanderbilt, after a chase of several hours, has arrived at New York. The Gertrude was bound to Charleston, and on arriving at that port and finding it so closely blockaded, steered for Nassau. She is 250 tons burthen, and has a cargo of gunpowder and military stores. Her clearance shows her to be from Nassau, bound to St. Johns, N. B.

Imports are coming in freely, creating a demand for exchange and for gold for duties.—Many, therefore, suppose that exchange must rise, particularly as the foreign demand for breadstuffs is slackening.

The Washington Star says:—"Yesterday, by order of the War Department, the Rev. Mr. Martin, residing in Prince George's county, Md., immediately opposite Alexandria, was arrested by a squad of troops, because he and his family have been holding secret correspondence with the Confederates, and freely avow that they are secessionists. Orders have been issued to send Mr. Martin and his whole family beyond the lines, which will doubtless be executed to-day."

An association for the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland, has been organized in Baltimore.

MARRIED.

On the 20th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Shute, Mr. J. WM. PLANT, to Miss ALICE M. ST. CLAIR, of Washington.

At Piney Grove, D. C., on Tuesday, the 21st inst., by the Rev. Jno. A. Williams, GEORGE B. WILSON, of Washington city, to Miss MARTHA KREBS, youngest daughter of S. B. Scaggs, esq.

SHOES! SHOES!! SHOES!!!
JUST RECEIVED, from the manufacturers, a fine stock of LADIES', MISSES AND CHILDREN'S CITY MADE BOOTS AND SHOES, of all kinds—all of which will be sold at a very small advance over cost, at No. 80 King street.
ap 1—1m JOHN T. EVANS.

PROF. R. BUKOWITZ
ANNOUNCES to the public that he has established himself in this city, and will accept pupils, beginning April 20th, inst.

PIANO SINGING AND LANGUAGES.

The highest references given.
Orders left at Mr. E. S. FLEMING's jewelry store, No. 86 King street, will receive prompt attention.
ap 20—1m

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I STUDY TO PLEASE!!

THE LADIES OF ALEXANDRIA AND VICINITY are reminded that this is the place, and now is the time, to obtain the value for their money. I have just received a splendid assortment of DRY GOODS and CALICOES, Muslin de Laines, Shawls and Trimmings, of the latest styles, which I promise to sell at the most reasonable rates possible.

COME ONE! COME ALL!!
Examine for yourselves, and be convinced that this is the place.

S. ROSWALD,
178 King street, near Washington,
ap 16—tf Alexandria, Va.

THE CHEAPEST COAL OIL
In the city, to be had at
COGAN'S,

NO. 15 ROYAL STREET.
25 BBLs. of the best OIL ever manufactured just received.

On hand, a large and splendid assortment of LAMPS, of all styles, together with GAS FIXTURES in variety, at extremely low prices. Look to your interest, and call at the right place.
jan 25—tf

ICE DEALERS.

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!
A large and superior cargo of PORTLAND ICE, is for sale, at my ice depot, Fairfax street, opposite Mansion House Hospital.—Those who may be pleased to favor me with their orders, will have it delivered, DAILY from wagon.
mh 27—tf P. G. HENDERSON.

KEEP COOL!
THE undersigned would inform their friends, and the public generally, that they are now prepared to furnish ICE AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, at the "old stand" No. 26, north Royal street, opposite the market.

F. SWAIN & CO.
wP. S.—Orders for large quantities of ICE left with us, will be promptly filled at most favorable terms,
mh 27—tf

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!
HAVING completed arrangements for a full and constant supply of ICE, I am now prepared to furnish all who may wish with this indispensable article.
Persons leaving their names at my office, will be PROMPTLY and REGULARLY supplied during the season.
mh 26—tf M. ELDRIDGE,
No. 12 Prince street.

A CARD.—Dr. A. P. HUNT, an experienced practising physician, from New Jersey, respectfully announces to the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that he has opened an office at No. 48 Prince street, opposite the Bank of the Old Dominion, and tenders his professional services to those who may be so unfortunate as to need medical aid.

N. B.—The public is requested not to confound my name with the Dr. Hunt, alias Hall, formerly on King street.
mh 27—1mo*

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS!

LARGE SALE OF DRY GOODS AND MILLINERY,
AT 132 KING STREET,
(Opposite the Provost Marshal's Office.)

THE UNDERSIGNED, having decided to close up business, offers great inducements to the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, having on hand a large stock bought before the late rise in cotton goods. Bargains may be expected, as all goods from this date will be sold at first cost, in order to close business. Call and see for yourself, at 132 King street, at HENRY SCHWARZ's old stand.

P. S. Persons wishing to buy to sell again will do well to call in time.
mh 25—tf L. B.

JOHN T. COOKE,
CHEAP FAMILY GROCER,
CORNER PITT AND PRINCE STREETS,
HAS constantly on hand, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Mackeral, in barrels, half barrels, and kits; Salmon, Potomac Herring, Smoked Halibut, Smoked Herring, and Smoked Beef. Also, a choice brand of Sugar Cured Hams, for family use; Shoulders and Breasts, and a general assortment of goods for family supplies. Call and examine.
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C. C. BRADLEY,
Cabinet, Chair and Sofa Manufactory,
CORNER KING AND ALFRED STREETS,
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HAS constantly on hand, and offers to the public, an excellent assortment of CABINET WARE, SOFAS and CHAIRS of every variety, and on the lowest cash terms, which, for durability and finish, cannot be surpassed.
my 16—tf

JOHN E. HENDERSON,
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HAS constantly on hand a large and well selected stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, which he offers cheap for cash.
sep 30—tf

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CHEAP FAMILY GROCERY,
No. 26 North Royal street.
A full supply of family groceries always on hand.
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